CLAIMS

I claim:

1. A fish catching system, comprising:

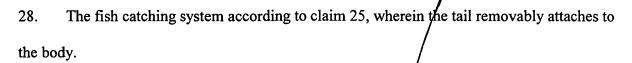a hook including a barb and a shaft terminating in an eyelet that receives a fishing line; and

a lure manipulator slidably mounted on the shaft.

2. The fish catching system according to claim 1, further comprising a lure secured in a first position to the lure manipulator and to the hook, whereby pulling the fishing line moves the shaft of the hook through the lure manipulator to place the lure in a second position and releasing the fishing line returns the shaft of the hook through the lure manipulator to place the lure in the first position.

3. The fish catching system according to claim 1, wherein the lure manipulator comprises a sleeve.

4. The fish catching system according to claim 1, wherein the lure manipulator comprises a sleeve including a weight attached thereto.

5. The fish catching system according to claim 1, wherein the lure manipulator comprises a sleeve including a post attached thereto.

6. The fish catching system according to claim 1, wherein the lure manipulator comprises a lure retainer coupled with a head.

7. The fish catching system according to claim 1, wherein the lure manipulator is hollow so as to receive a noise maker therein.

8. The fish catching system according to claim 1, further comprising a collar coupled with the shaft to stop the forward movement of the lure manipulator.

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9.   The fish catching system according to claim 8, further comprising a spring mounted on the shaft between the collar and the lure manipulator.

10.   The fish catching system according to claim 1, wherein the lure manipulator includes a slot adapted to receive the shaft therein, whereby constriction of the lure manipulator closes the slot and secures the lure manipulator about the shaft.

11.   The fish catching system according to claim 1, further comprising a lure including a barb guard coupled therewith.

12.   A fish catching system, comprising a lure manipulator including a slot adapted to receive a shaft of a hook therein, whereby constriction of the lure manipulator closes the slot and secures the lure manipulator about the shaft.

13.   The fish catching system according to claim 12, further comprising a plurality of lure manipulators securable to the hook.

14.   The fish catching system according to claim 13, wherein the plurality of lure manipulators each have a different weight to accommodate variable fishing conditions.

15.   The fish catching system according to claim 13, wherein the plurality of lure manipulators each have a different shape to accommodate variable fishing conditions.

16.   The fish catching system according to claim 13, wherein the plurality of lure manipulators each have a different size to accommodate variable fishing conditions.

17.   The fish catching system according to claim 12, wherein the lure manipulator is hollow so as to receive a noise maker therein.

18.   The fish catching system according to claim 12, wherein the lure manipulator comprises a sleeve.

19. The fish catching system according to claim 12, wherein the lure manipulator comprises a sleeve including a weight attached thereto.

20. The fish catching system according to claim 12, wherein the lure manipulator comprises a sleeve including a post attached thereto.

21. The fish catching system according to claim 12, wherein the lure manipulator comprises a lure retainer coupled with a head, whereby, when a lure is secured to the lure retainer, the head resides underneath the lure.

22. The fish catching system according to claim 12, further comprising a lure secured in a first position to the lure manipulator and to the hook, whereby pulling the fishing line moves the shaft of the hook through the lure manipulator to place the lure in a second position and releasing the fishing line returns the shaft of the hook through the lure manipulator to place the lure in the first position.

23. The fish catching system according to claim 12, further comprising a lure including a barb guard coupled therewith.

24. The fish catching system according to claim 12, further comprising a hook including a barb and a shaft terminating in an eyelet that receives a fishing line.

25. A fish catching system, comprising:

    a lure, comprising:

        a body, and

        a tail including an aperture that receives a hook or a fishing line therethrough.

26. The fish catching system according to claim 25, wherein the tail is weighted.

27. The fish catching system according to claim 25, wherein the aperture facilitates movement of the tail along the hook or fishing line, thereby simulating game fish prey motion.

28.   The fish catching system according to claim 25, wherein the tail removably attaches to the body.

29.   The fish catching system according to claim 25, wherein the lure includes a barb guard coupled therewith.

30.   A fish catching system, comprising a sleeve, wherein the sleeve is coupled with a lure and receives a fishing line therethrough that attaches to an eyelet of a hook secured to the lure.

31.   The fish catching system according to claim 30, wherein the sleeve facilitates movement of the lure along the fishing line, thereby simulating game fish prey motion.

32.   The fish catching system according to claim 30, wherein the lure includes a barb guard coupled therewith.

33.   A fishing lure, comprising:

a body; and

a barb guard coupled with the body.

34.   The fishing lure according to claim 33, further comprising a tail.

35.   The fishing lure according to claim 34, wherein the tail includes a tail fan.

36.   The fishing lure according to claim 33, wherein the body includes eyes, antennae, and claws.

37.   A method of fishing, comprising:

securing a lure to a hook with a fishing line attached thereto;

selecting a lure manipulator dependent upon fishing conditions;

securing the lure manipulator to the hook and to the lure, thereby placing the lure in a first position; and

casting the lure into a body of water.

38. The method of fishing according to claim 37, further comprising:

pulling the fishing line to move the hook through the lure manipulator and place the lure in a second position; and

releasing the fishing line to return the hook through the lure manipulator and place the lure in the first position.